

## Section 1: Denshaw to Uppermill

Distance 5 miles (8 km)

Time 2.5 hours.

- 1 From the Junction Inn walk south along Oldham Road (A672) and after a short distance fork left down the tarmac lane to the bottom, go straight on through a gate down the footpath, with a pond on the left, turning left into a small estate.
- 2 Continue forward along Corbbett Way and when the road bends left go straight on through a gate to the river. Turn right following the riverside path, past the footbridge on the left, and when reaching a driveway turn left along footpath and through a stile at the end of a fence.
- 3 Cross the fields, with the infant river Tame over to the left. Cross two more stiles ignoring the footbridge to the left and at the weir bear right along a boggy footpath to a stile. After crossing the stile carry on along a terraced path over another stile following the path in front of the cottages and up to Horest Lane.
- 4 Turn left down the lane, cross the bridge and at the junction go to the right along the tarmac road to reach Slackcote Hall. Turn left past the cottages on either side following the rough track up to the buildings of New Barn.
- 5 Past the first building turn right across the courtyard and descend down a wide path through the trees to the river. Cross the bridge and go left along the footpath following the valley floor to reach the ruins of Linnfits Mill.
- 6 At the ruins follow the path rising to the left and over a stile onto a driveway of a house. Go right passing the right-hand side of the house along a descending path down to the river and over the bridge, go left following the riverside footpath that soon emerges into the yard of Pringle Mill.
- 7 Continue down the tarmac road, do not cross the river bridge on the left, but go straight on along an unmade track through a gap next to a gate and ahead towards a play area. Just before this area go left over the bridge following the path round to the right passing the allotments on the right to cross another bridge to emerge on King Street at Delph.
- 8 Cross the street and along the riverside path to a car park, cross the footbridge and turn right along the track past the houses and factories on the left, then through the archway of the Old Bell inn to Huddersfield Road, A62.
- 9 Cross the road and continue up Gatehead Road, shortly after the right-hand bend fork right down the tarmac track and after 50 metres go down the path descending to the right to the bottom to the hill.

- 10 Continue left following the riverside path through the woodland past a mill, then up and across a field, down and up steps, with the river down to the right, though the woodland to emerge beside stone cottages. At the end of the cottages go right through a stile and follow the path behind some gardens to reach a mini roundabout at Dobcross New Road.
  
- 11 Cross both roads to the left of the roundabout and take a path down past a play area then left along the side of a playing field. At the end of the field turn sharp left uphill, turn right along the road and at the Garden Centre sign go right down across a bridge and turn left across the car park to a stile beside the river. After the stile take the left fork round to another stile then left to reach the Huddersfield Narrow Canal.
  
- 12 Continue right under the viaduct along the towpath and at Moorgate Street go over the canal bridge and left along the towpath (on the other side of the canal) to reach the main A670 road.